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**STATEMENT FOR TOBACCO COMPANIES TO BE USED
IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE RELEASE
OF A REPORT CONCERNING INGREDIENTS BY HHS**

On _____, the Department of Health and Human Services released a report concerning the use of ingredients in cigarettes. The report was based in part upon a list of ingredients provided by our company and the other major American cigarette manufacturers to HHS pursuant to the requirements of Section 7 of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act. [We are pleased with the conclusion reached by HHS that ingredients do not present a significant health issue, for we have long believed that this would be the result of an unbiased evaluation of the use of ingredients.]

The six companies designated the Washington, D.C. law firm of Covington & Burling to compile the combined lists that were submitted to HHS. Any questions concerning the HHS report or the submission of ingredient lists to HHS should be directed to Stanley L. Temko of Covington & Burling (202-662-5514).

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